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TOPIC <u>Puetnitz Airfield</u>		
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1. The following observations were made at Puetnitz airfield between 24 October and 8 December:

24 October. No air activity was observed at the field during the daytime and at night although the weather was fair. On the afternoon, about 15 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked in the southern section of the field and about 25 aircraft of the same type in the northwestern section.

4 November. No air activity was observed at 8 a.m. Approximately the same number of aircraft was observed at the field as on 24 October.

15 November. Nine MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s including the alert flight were parked in the southeastern section of the field and about 20 aircraft of the same type in the northwestern corner. Around 2:30 p.m. swept-back jet aircraft were being towed from the direction of the hangars Nos 4 and 5 to the dispersal area in the southeastern section of the field.

24 November. During the morning, MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s practiced flying individually and in elements of twos.

2 December. Forty-two MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were counted at the field. There was air activity between 9 a.m. and noon.

7 December. No air activity was observed at 2 p.m.

8 December. No flights were made. 1

2. In November, the Token-type radar set was still observed about 500 meters east of Koeppenberg. The trailers formerly observed there were replaced by a number of temporary buildings between which individual soldiers were observed. On 15 November, another radar set, possibly a Kniferest-type set, was observed in the vicinity of the Token-type set near the lake. Two radio trucks were parked near the new set. Individual soldiers were seen moving between the two radar sets. 2

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3. In November, a sizeable number of crates, each about 10 meters long and 2.5 meters high with an attachment at one side, was observed north of the northern taxiway and south of the spur track. 3
4. On 7 October, shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were observed in the northwestern corner of the field. Source believed that aircraft were parked in these revetments.

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6. On 1 November, no air activity was observed at the field except for a take-off by a twin-engine aircraft at 11:07 a.m. Between 2 and 8 November, no flights were made. There was foggy weather. After 7 p.m. on 10 November, flying was practiced by swept-back jet aircraft. At 9:20 a.m. on 25 November, two swept-back jet aircraft took off. Subsequently, other aircraft followed and they assembled in elements of twos, circled once widely over the field and then landed. Similar air activity was conducted up to 4 p.m. 1
7. Two radar sets, including one Token-type set, were observed near the Koeppenberg. The other set which was smaller could not be identified. 2
8. The following supply shipments were shunted to the airfield on the spur track: 5 railroad tank cars at 9:15 p.m. on 7 November; 12 cars loaded with briquettes, consigned to the Red Army in Puetnitz, at 3:45 p.m. on 21 November; and 2 boxcars which, according to a railroadman, were loaded with winter clothes, at 7:45 a.m. on 25 November.
9. The building No 1 on Thaelmann Strasse in Ribnitz/Dangarten-East had to be vacated by the Germans by 1 December, allegedly for dependents of Soviet officers. 4 The German population was greatly troubled by the bad behaviour of the Soviet soldiers and the German women scarcely dared to leave their houses after nightfall.

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1. Comment. The previously voiced assumption that the aircraft of the former Soviet training regiment of the VFL, now designated Aeroclub, were shipped away in crates on 5 November 1953, apparently is not correct.

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See paragraph 1 of [redacted] The present report states that 42 F4U-15s were still parked at Puetnitz airfield on 2 December 1953. Therefore, it must be assumed that the two fighter regiments are still stationed at the field. It remains unclarified whether the 38 crates, although escorted by a sizeable number of soldiers, were empty.

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- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. A Token-type radar set and a Fishnet-type radar set are known to be located at Puetnitz airfield. The presence of a Kniferest-type radar set in connection with the Fishnet-type set is believed possible.
- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. The crates observed probably were the same which were shipped away on 5 November 1953.
- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. The evacuation of German dwellings for Soviet officers dependents has been reported from other airfields.

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